

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cartridge detachably mountable to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, said cartridge comprising:

5 a developer accommodating portion for accommodating a developer;

 a developer supply port for supplying the developer to developing means for developing an electrostatic latent image formed on an
10 electrophotographic photosensitive member;

 a removable sealing tape for sealing said developer supply port;

 a covering member which is capable of taking an opening position for opening said developer supply port and a closing position for closing said developer supply port and to which one longitudinal end of said
15 sealing tape is fixed, said covering member is effective to cover said sealing tape sealing said developer supply port when it is at the closing
20 position;

 a cartridge locking portion for locking said covering member at the closing position;

 wherein when said cartridge is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, locking between said
25 cartridge locking portion and said covering member is released by engagement between said covering member and the main assembly of the apparatus, and said

covering member moves from said closing position to said opening position, and said sealing tape is removed from said developer supply port to open said developer supply port.

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2. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said covering member includes a cover side locking portion for locking with said cartridge locking portion.

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3. A cartridge according to Claim 2, wherein said cover side locking portion is locked with a guide portion provided in said cartridge to guide movement of said covering member between the closing position and t opening position.

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4. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said cartridge locking portion includes,

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a first inclined surface inclined in a direction of permitting movement of said covering member from t closing position to the opening position, said first inclined surface being effective to release locking between said cartridge locking portion and when covering member moves from t closing position to the opening position; and

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a second inclined surface inclined in a direction of permitting movement of said covering

member from the opening position to the closing
position, said second inclined surface is effective to
release locking between said cartridge locking portion
and said covering member when said covering member
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5. A cartridge according to Claim 2, wherein
said cover side locking portion includes,

a first inclined surface inclined in a
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member from the closing position to the opening
position, said first inclined surface is effective to
release locking between said cartridge locking portion
and said cover side locking portion when said covering
15 member moves from the closing position to the opening
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a second inclined surface inclined in a
direction of permitting movement of said covering
member from the opening position to the closing
20 position, said second inclined surface is effective to
release locking between said cartridge locking portion
and said cover side locking portion when said covering
member moves from the opening position to the closing
position.

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6. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein
said covering member includes a portion to be urged by

a projection provided in the main assembly of the apparatus when said cartridge is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus.

5 7. A cartridge according to Claim 6, wherein said cartridge locking portion is disposed substantially on an extension line extending in a direction of urging of the portion to be urged by said projection.

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 8. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein locking between said cartridge locking portion and said covering member is released by elastic deformation of said covering member when locking
15 between said cartridge locking portion and said covering member is released.

 9. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein locking between said cartridge locking portion and
20 said covering member is released by elastic deformation of said cartridge locking portion when locking between said cartridge locking portion and said covering member is released.

25 10. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said cartridge locking portion is provided at each of a plurality of positions.

11. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein a force applied to said covering member to release locking between said cartridge locking portion and said covering member is 29.4N - 58.8N.

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12. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus for forming an image on a recording material, to which a cartridge is detachably mountable, said apparatus comprising:

10 (i) mounting means for detachably mounting a cartridge, which includes a developer accommodating portion for accommodating a developer; a developer supply port for supplying the developer to developing means for developing an electrostatic latent image
15 formed on an electrophotographic photosensitive member; a removable sealing tape for sealing said developer supply port; a covering member which is capable of taking an opening position for opening said developer supply port and a closing position for
20 closing said developer supply port and to which one longitudinal end of said sealing tape is fixed, said covering member is effective to cover said sealing tape sealing said developer supply port when it is at the closing position; a cartridge locking portion for
25 locking said covering member at the closing position;

(ii) feeding means for feeding the recording material,

wherein when said cartridge is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, locking between said cartridge locking portion and said covering member is released by engagement between said covering member and the main assembly of the apparatus, and said covering member moves from said closing position to said opening position, and said sealing tape is removed from said developer supply port to open said developer supply port.

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13. An apparatus according to Claim 12, further comprising a projection for urging a portion to be urged provided in said covering member when said cartridge is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus.

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14. An apparatus according to Claim 12, further comprising a releasing portion for releasing locking with said cartridge locking portion by elastic deformation of said covering member when said cartridge is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus.

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15. An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said projection urges a portion to be urged provided in said covering member at a position adjacent said cover side locking portion locked with said cartridge

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locking portion.

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